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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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The project is intended to protect resources and assure compliance with the Forest's Land Management Plan (2005), NEPA, CEQA, National Historic Preservation Act, the Wilderness Act, the Endangered Species Act, and other Federal and State laws as they relate to OHV compliance enforcement. Regulatory and informational signs, including trail maps, are proactive measures we use at our trailhead and campground kiosks and also along our roads and trails. They play a vital part in the management of this area. Use of these signs and maps of open trails improves the OHV recreation experience, increases compliance with regulations, and decreases resource damage.

Corral Canyon/Bear Valley OHV Area is one of the closest legal OHV riding areas to the 3 million people and over 65,000 registered OHV vehicles that reside in San Diego County. It is also the largest legal riding area in the County. An OHV user can leave downtown San Diego and begin their riding experience within 30 minutes at Bear Valley. Corral Canyon/Bear Valley consists of 1800 acres, 24 miles of designated OHV trails and 28 miles of maintenance level 2 roads which are also open for OHV and street legal vehicles. Corral Canyon offers a variety of riding experiences for motorcycles, ATVs and 4x4s. The area is supported by 2 staging areas and 2 campgrounds. In addition to the designated OHV routes there are approximately 50 miles of Level 2 roads which are open to street legal OHV vehicles throughout the Cleveland National Forest.

Law enforcement patrol areas are primarily along the designated roads and trails in addition to our developed sites (Corral Canyon Campground, Bobcat Meadow Campground, Four Corners staging area and Bear Valley staging area). As more and more historic riding areas are lost to development and species habitat, Corral Canyon is an important recreation asset for San Diego County residents.

Additionally this Law Enforcement Project provides for base line service and is intended to address off-highway vehicle (OHV) related issues in Wildomar OHV Area. Riverside and Orange Counties collectively have over 90,000 registered OHVs. Wildomar OHV Area is the only legal off-road area available in western Riverside and Orange Counties. The site is located approximately 9 miles south of the junction of Ortega Highway (State Hwy 74) and South Main Divide Road. Wildomar OHV Area consists of, and requires enforcement patrols for, 360 acres and approximately 8 miles of trails for off-road motorcycles, ATV's and 4WD vehicles. As the only legal off-highway area in Orange and Riverside Counties, Wildomar is attracting an increasing number of OHV recreationists.

The presence of a Forest Service law enforcement officer at our OHV areas helps keep unauthorized use and resource damage from occurring. These areas are in relatively remote locations. Users who see a marked law enforcement vehicle in the area tend to comply better with regulations concerning riding on authorized trails only, not entering wilderness areas or private property, and not causing unnecessary resource damage.

If the project is not funded the Forest Service presence at Corral Canyon/Bear Valley and Wildomar would be drastically diminished, and improvements in compliance would significantly erode to unacceptable levels. Additionally, there would be significant resource impacts due to unmanaged use of the area (i.e., increased off-route travel, increased vandalism, and generally increased unlawful activity). Additionally, there would be significant resource impacts due to unmanaged use of the area. Without funding from this grant, Wildomar and Corral Canyon/Bear Valley OHV areas would likely be closed because of the lack of management resources.

ITEM 2. Project Coverage

Corral Canyon/Bear Valley OHV Area is one of the closest legal OHV riding areas to the 3 million people and over 65,000 registered OHV vehicles that reside in San Diego County. It is also the largest legal riding area in the County. An OHV user can leave downtown San Diego and begin their riding experience within 30 minutes at Bear Valley. Corral Canyon/Bear Valley consists of 1800 acres, 24 miles of designated OHV trails and 28 miles of maintenance level 2 roads which are also open for OHV and street legal vehicles. Corral Canyon offers a variety of riding experiences for motorcycles, ATVs and 4x4s. The area is supported by 2 staging areas and 2 campgrounds. In addition to the designated OHV routes there are approximately 50 miles of Level 2 roads which are open to street legal OHV vehicles throughout the Cleveland National Forest.

Riverside and Orange Counties collectively have over 90,000 registered OHVs. Wildomar OHV Area is the only legal off-road area available in western Riverside and Orange Counties. The site is located approximately 9 miles south of the junction of Ortega Highway (State Hwy 74) and South Main Divide Road. As the only legal off-highway area in Orange and Riverside Counties, Wildomar is attracting an increasing number of OHV recreationists. The area also attracts local residents from inholding communities, such as Rancho Capistrano and La Cresta. During weekends and holidays, user numbers increase dramatically. The staging area is filled to capacity during peak periods causing resource damage and circulation conflicts.

Wildomar OHV Area consists of, and requires enforcement patrols for, 360 acres and approximately 8 miles of trails for off-road motorcycles, ATV's and 4WD vehicles. It also contains a staging area/trailhead and a campground, both with potable water and restroom facilities. In addition to the designated OHV areas there are approximately 60 miles of Level 2 roads which are open to street legal OHV vehicles throughout the Trabuco Ranger District.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

Most of the time, the Forest Service LEOs and FPOs are the only agency personnel the public interacts with. They educate the public on specific topics such as safe riding practices, personal safety, fire safety, appropriate trail use, overall respect for the land and the riding area, and compliance with area regulations. They convey key messages for the agency and provide guidance for questions regarding volunteer opportunities. Forest Service LEOs and FPOs work with other Forest staff to develop and implement corrective measures in problem areas. Usually this entails installation of barriers, educational and regulatory signing, enhanced patrolling, and sometimes restoration work.

Through this grant, patrol efforts will be conducted by Law Enforcement personnell and Forest Protection Officers. LEO patrols will primarily be emphasized on days when visitor use is expected to be at it's highest. Typically weekends and more specifically Holiday weekends tend to see an increase in OHV activities and use on the forest . Estimated patrol days including holiday coverage for LEO's will be a minimum of 20 patrol days. Estimated patrol days for FPO's within the OHV areas estimate at 120 days for the Corral Canyon/Bear Valley OHV area and 120 days for the Wildomar OHV area.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

At a minimum four Law Enforcement Officers will be deployed and actively involved in the enforcement and public education efforts associated with this project. LEO's will provide patrols in the Corral Canyon/Bear Valley, and Wildomar OHV areas on the Cleveland National Forest. With the increased visitor use of our OHV areas LEO's will strategically provide support and patrol coverage to detour illegal OHV operations and resource damage.

In addition, two OHV Technician Forest Protection Officers (FPO's) will be assigned for 120 working days each, to include weekends and holidays. Also, two Fire Prevention FPO's will be making occasional patrols through the OHV areas at least 10 days each at Forest Service expense. The Los Pinos Fire lookout is a critical law enforcement resource located immediately above the Corral Canyon OHV area. The lookout has an unobstructed view of the entire area and is able to inform dispatch and LEO's of illegal activity such as riding off of designated trails, OHV intrusions into Hauser and Pine Creek Wilderness areas, illegal campfires and wildfire ignitions, vandalism and other suspicious acitivities in the area. The lookout also keeps daily tallies of OHV's using the area. OHV's can freely access the lookout location, and lookout staff inform the public and OHV opportunities and Forest Regulations. The fire lookout is staffed 180 days per year from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm 7 days per week, including weekends and holidays. Funding for the lookout is provided at Forest Service

expense.

Additional LEO coverage based on the project needs will be administered on holiday weekends where traditionally there has been an increase in OHV use on the forest. LEO duty schedules and times will be altered to meet the needs of the forest and OHV user in a attempt to provide the most effective measure of and public information. LEO's will be readily available to assist in any OHV related activities on the forest.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

Law Enforcement patrol areas are primarily along the the designated roads and trails in addition to our developed sites (Corral Canyon Campground, Bobcat Meadow Campground, Four Corners staging area and Bear Valley staging area). As more and more historic riding areas are lost to development and species habitat, Corral Canyon is an important recreation asset for San Diego County residents. San Diego County population continues to increase and more people are engaging in OHV recreation activities which are causing a surge in use at Corral Canyon and Bear Valley.

Enforcement needs have increased dramatically over the past year at Bear Valley after the temporary fire damage closure at Corral Canyon diverted many users to Bear Valley. This resulted in pioneering of numerous new unauthorized trails in the area, and the need for more frequent law enforcement patrols to enforce riding on open routes only. Users who see a marked law enforcement vehicle in the area tend to comply better with regulations

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

The primary recreation users in our OHV areas are OHV users. Law Enforcement Officers on the forest help keep OHV's inside the OHV area, off of trails designated for non-motorized use, and out of unauthorized areas. OHV trails have become more popular with mountain bike riders in recent years. The presence of a law enforcement officer helps keep the peace between motorized and non-motorized users. The Forest Service LEO and FPO are often the primary agency personnel the public interacts with. They are usually in the area when the most use is occurring, therefore, providing more agency visibility and public interaction. They educate the public on specific topics such as safe riding practices, personal safety, fire safety, appropriate trail use, overall respect for the land and the riding area, and compliance with area regulations. They convey key messages for the agency and provide guidance for questions regarding volunteer opportunities.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

Coordination with local law enforcement agencies play a integral part in OHV compliance and public information on the forest. Both formal and informal meetings are conducted with the San Diegos Sheriff's Office OHV team to ensure adequate enforcement and public information needs are met. Cooperative law enforcement actions, such as task force operations, conducted with the San Diegos Sheriff's department are conducted in the Corral Canyon/Bear Valley OHV areas of the Cleveland National Forest.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? (Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

Explain

The Cleveland National Forest does not recover any costs associated with private sponsored OHV events.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers are given in-depth mandatory training regarding natural resources while in the academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

Law Enforcement Officers are certified first responders and provide enforcement efforts to detour illegal OHV activity focusing on OHV safety. LEO's identify safety violations pertaining to OHV operations and ensure compliance efforts are met by making educational contacts with the public within the OHV areas.

Forest Service Fire Engine #44 is located at Cottonwood Fire Station less than 1/4 mile from the entrance to Coral Canyon Road entrance to the OHV area. The engine is equipped with Emergency Medical equipment including a trauma kit, oxygen, and a back board. Equipment inventory available upon request.

The Forest Service has hosted numerous OHV community volunteer events as a way to encourage safe and responsible riding practices, as well as get area maintenance work done. Documentation of volunteer activities available upon request

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
Operation and maintenance needs are met by a combination of appropriated agency funding, recreation fee funding, and State OHV grant dollars. Forest Service recreation technicians maintain facilities. Contracts are used for trail and road maintenance work.
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

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PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>This Law Enforcement Project provides for base line service and is intended to address off-highway vehicle (OHV) related issues on the Cleveland National Forest. The project includes funding for one year of law enforcement related activities, such as: 1) funding for FPO and LEO staff for the enforcement of Federal and State laws and regulations regarding use and operation of off-highway vehicles, 2) Public contact for educational and informational purposes. This law enforcement project request will supplement the Forest's contribution towards the law enforcement management of OHV activities (as shown on the project cost deliverables). However, the Forest's allocated funding for LEOs and FPOs for law enforcement is not adequate to provide the staffing necessary for these highly used areas.</p> <p>The project is intended to protect resources and assure compliance with the Forest's Land Management Plan (2005), NEPA, CEQA, National Historic Preservation Act, the Wilderness Act, the Endangered Species Act, and other Federal and State laws as they relate to OHV compliance enforcement. Regulatory and informational signs, including trail maps, are proactive measures we use at our trailhead and campground kiosks and also along our roads and trails. They play a vital part in the management of this area. Use of these signs and maps of open trails improves the OHV recreation experience, increases compliance with regulations, and decreases resource damage.</p> <p>Corral Canyon/Bear Valley OHV Area is one of the closest legal OHV riding areas to the 3 million people and over 65,000 registered OHV vehicles that reside in San Diego County. It is also the largest legal riding area in the County. An OHV user can leave downtown San Diego and begin their riding experience within 30 minutes at Bear Valley. Corral Canyon/Bear Valley consists of 1800 acres, 24 miles of designated OHV trails and 28 miles of maintenance level 2 roads which are also open for OHV and street legal vehicles. Corral Canyon offers a variety of riding experiences for motorcycles, ATVs and 4x4s. The area is supported by 2 staging areas and 2 campgrounds. In addition to the designated OHV routes there are approximately 50 miles of Level 2 roads which are open to street legal OHV vehicles throughout the Cleveland National Forest.</p> <p>Law enforcement patrol areas are primarily along the designated roads and trails in addition to our developed sites (Corral Canyon Campground, Bobcat Meadow Campground, Four Corners staging area and Bear Valley staging area). As more and more historic riding areas are lost to development and species habitat, Corral Canyon is an important recreation asset for San Diego County residents.</p> <p>Additionally this Law Enforcement Project provides for base line service and is intended to address off-highway vehicle (OHV) related issues in Wildomar OHV Area. Riverside and Orange Counties collectively have over 90,000 registered OHVs. Wildomar OHV Area is the only legal off-road area available in western Riverside and Orange Counties. The site is located approximately 9 miles south of the junction of Ortega Highway (State Hwy 74) and South Main Divide Road. Wildomar OHV Area consists of, and requires enforcement patrols for, 360 acres and approximately 8 miles of trails for off-road motorcycles, ATV's and 4WD vehicles. As the only legal off-highway area in Orange and Riverside Counties, Wildomar is attracting an increasing number of OHV recreationists.</p> <p>The presence of a Forest Service law enforcement officer at our OHV areas helps keep unauthorized use and resource damage from occurring. These areas are in relatively remote locations. Users who see a marked law enforcement vehicle in the area tend to comply better with regulations concerning riding on authorized trails only, not entering wilderness areas or private property, and not causing unnecessary resource damage.</p> <p>If the project is not funded the Forest Service presence at Corral Canyon/Bear Valley and Wildomar would be drastically diminished, and improvements in</p>		

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Other-GS-7 FPO (OHV)	120.000	250.000	DAY	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
	Other-GS-5 FPO (OHV)	120.000	210.000	DAY	25,200.00	0.00	25,200.00
	Law Enforcement Officers	80.000	300.000	DAY	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
	Other-GS-7 FPO (Prevention)	20.000	250.000	DAY	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Other-Los Pinos Lookout	180.000	150.000	DAY	0.00	27,000.00	27,000.00
	Total for Staff				79,200.00	32,000.00	111,200.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Safety Equipment	2.000	400.000	EA	800.00	0.00	800.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Administrative Costs						
Total Program Expenses					80,000.00	32,000.00	112,000.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					80,000.00	32,000.00	112,000.00
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DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	79,200.00	32,000.00	111,200.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	800.00	0.00	800.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment